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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-7 are allowed. The Examiner, however, maintained the rejections of claims 8-13.

Preliminary Matters

As preliminary matters, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner return the initialed form PTO/SB/08 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on October 28, 2003. For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the IDS and OIPE date-stamped filing receipt is enclosed herewith.